

## REPUBLICANS CONVENE

Arthur of Pasadena Elected Chairman.

VARIOUS COMMITTEES NAMED

The California Delegation Will Be Instructed for McKinley—A.P.A. Claims Control.

SACRAMENTO, May 5.—California will send a delegation to St. Louis instructed for McKinley. That was plainly indicated by the proceedings of the state Republican convention which met here this afternoon.

W. E. Arthur of Pasadena, a pronounced McKinley man, was elected temporary chairman of the convention, and at the mention of McKinley's name there was an enthusiastic whoop from the delegates and spectators.

The convention transacted very little business today, and after the appointment of the following committees adjourned until tomorrow morning:

Creditors—J. A. Gibson, San Diego; R. S. Alexander, Marin; Andrew Simpson, Tehama; J. M. Walling, Nevada; F. A. Bell, San Joaquin; W. W. Moore, Fresno; E. K. Preston, San Mateo; G. G. Radcliffe, Santa Cruz; D. P. Hatch, Los Angeles; T. L. Dargatz, Mendocino; E. O. Larkins, Tulare; Charles F. Reed, Placer; H. V. Morehouse, Santa Clara.

Permanence organization and business—E. W. Spencer, Lassen; Frank McLaughlin, Butte; F. P. Weisman, Solano; D. E. McKinley, Sonoma; J. A. Price, Los Angeles; N. B. Beck, Humboldt; T. Alexander, Orange; Recruiters—F. L. Coombs, Napa; J. S. Pitman, Los Angeles; J. F. Kidder, Nevada; J. C. Frank, Santa Clara; J. T. Porter, Monterey; William Johnson, Sacramento; J. C. Loug, San Diego.

So far there has not been much talk of the platform, but it is believed that Oliver will have a strong endorsement.

Woman suffrage and an anti-funding resolution will also be offered.

A lively contest had been expected over the temporary chairmanship, but during the morning an understanding was reached whereby Southern California was given the chairmanship without opposition. It is believed that the nomination of L. A. Sheldon, U. S. Grant Jr., and John D. Spreckels to the three southern delegations is included in the arrangement. Spreckels has been opposed to an instructed delegation, but his delegates from San Francisco could not be admitted to the state convention without the help of the southern men, and it is believed he has agreed to accept instructions in consideration of the seating of his delegates.

Tonight the A. P. A. are boasting that they control the convention, and claim that the 300 men who propose to run things to suit themselves. Arthur, the chairman of the convention, is said to be a pronounced A. P. A. man, and in fact the whole southern delegation is said to be in sympathy with the order.

It is now stated that State Senator Glaves is slated as one of the delegates at large. Spreckels can be another if he wishes to join the A. P. A. in protest against the southern delegates. He will do.

George Knight is said to go to St. Louis, and it seems it is thought that Grant of San Diego will be sacrificed to make room for the San Francisco orator. Ex-Congressman Lott of Stockton seems to be out of it. He had the support of the San Joaquin delegation but in the second district convention his name was not mentioned, though he expected an induction by the body.

Trouble seemed imminent this afternoon. Knight and Kowalsky of San Francisco, holding proxies from other counties, commenced to talk against Spreckels and they were answered by Bradbury of San Francisco, a Spreckels man. The first indication the convention had, aside from the manner of Arthur's election, that a program had been arranged, was when a motion was made to limit the committee on credentials to seven men to be appointed by the chair. The motion was made and accepted without comment, when it suddenly occurred to the anti-Spreckels men that they wanted more men on the committee. A motion was made to increase the number to twenty-one, and the Spreckels men opposed vigorously. It was during the debate over this question that the sharp words used by Knight, Kowalsky and Bradbury came in.

The good prospect of a first-class row when S. M. Shortridge proposed a committee by offering a motion to make the number of the committee fifteen. This motion was adopted with a rush and the surprised Spear men realized that they had been outgunned. Some of them had no hesitation in admitting that they were beaten and gave up the fight immediately.

Spreckels' defeat, however, he has made any effort to allow to seat his delegates. He says that his victory is the spontaneous outburst of the delegates from San Francisco who wished to show their resentment at the San Francisco corrupt politics as conducted by Spreckels' opponents. Spreckels and his associates point out as proof of their victory that the chairman of the credentials committee in his legal representation in San Diego and that another member of the committee is his business representative.

The southern California delegates say they did not take sides with Spreckels. They say they came into the convention strong enough to run things to suit themselves, which they propose to do. The various committees were in session tonight arranging the details for tomorrow's session. It is stated that the committee on permanent organization and order of business will recommend the nomination of a lieutenant governor to succeed Miller. It is contended that the appointment of Jeter by Governor Budd is illegal and that he has no right to the office. Lynch of San Bernardino is mentioned as a candidate for the place. Two presidential electors at large will also be nominated.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Contesting Delegations Urge Their Claims to Seats.

SACRAMENTO, May 5.—The committee on credentials held an open meeting to-night and there was a long wrangle over the contesting delegations. The committee took the Alameda and Sacramento contests under advisement and gave no indication of what its decision would be. The San Francisco contest was then taken up. A. Knob represented the Spear faction as attorney and Martin Stevens the Spreckels side. S. M. Shortridge was the lone elector in favor of the Spreckels faction. The committee then voted to call a primary for the election of delegates was illegal, because the necessary number of coal or coal oil that may exist below.

## KRUGER'S MESSAGE.

Opening of the Transvaal Parliament.

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PATRICK, May 4.—(Delayed in transmission)—The volksraad (parliament of the Transvaal) was opened today by President Kruger. Great and most unusual interest was taken in the proceedings in view of the recent disclosures made by the publication of the cipher telegrams exchanged between Cecil Rhodes, then premier of Cape Colony, and others who took a more or less important part in the Jameson raid in the territory of the Boer republic.

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## THE INDIGENT LIST

## BIRTHDAY REUNION.

## A Large Family Gathering Near Fowler.

A reunion of the Paine family took place last Sunday, the occasion being the birthday of Mrs. John Simpson, Mrs. Hugh Bissell and J. C. Paine, etc., and brother.

Sixty relatives and friends met at the pleasant home of Mrs. John Simpson near Fowler, to wish the trio God-speed on their journey through the coming year, and to bestow substantial tokens of their esteem. Considerable interest was manifested in the fact that the gifts were an enlarged photograph of a son of Mrs. Simpson, deceased, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, bearing the card, "To mother, from Sadie and Anna."

Tables were spread beneath an awning with daiquiris "fit to set before a king." Roast turkey, salad, beautiful cakes, strawberries embedded in cream, beautiful flowers and vines, made a combination fit to ravish the eyes of an artist, as well as to delight the palate of a gourmet.

The following persons were counted at the feast: Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Paine, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bissell, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Paine, Mr. and Mrs. T. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winness, Mr. and Mrs. T. Drawley, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephley, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Paine, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bissell, Misses Sadie Paine, Jessie Paine, Fannie Kepley, Mrs. Lou Rissell, Lizzie Headlease, Nellie Elder, Emma Hobson, Anna M. King, Alice M. O'Connor, Mrs. C. C. Simpson, Thomas Simpson, Henry Simpson, Perry Simpson, Charles Simpson, Frank Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Paine, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hobson, Frank Pierce, James Paine, Victor Paine, Lyman Paine, Lee Paine, James Kepler, George Barstow, James Barstow, Raymond Bissell, Eddie Garrett, Norval Brawley.

It costs me \$1.75 to get my warrant issued," said one of the many indigent women who surrounded the auditor's desk yesterday. A *Republican* reporter who stood near by learned that the warrant was for \$15, the woman having been in receipt of county relief to that extent monthly for herself and family. From the woman's statement, which found ample corroboration in other cases, it appears that the recipients of county relief are compelled to sell their warrants and that the brokers charge anything they please, or anything they can get for the accommodation.

In a number of cases the indigents would receive from the county treasurer the full cash value of their warrants within a few days.

But the indigents do not wait, and their necessity is the broker's opportunity. To receive \$1.75 within three days for a cash investment of \$13.25 is not bad interest in these hard times. Even if the investor has waited a month till the warrant matures he is not doing badly, if there be any truth in arithmetic. It takes twelve months to make a year, and it will require five more mathematical gifts to figure out the actual percentage given on \$1.75 received for a month's discount of a \$15 warrant. It is 130 per cent for the year.

Inquiry revealed that the rate charged by the warrant brokers ranges all the way from 5 to 15 per cent per month on warrants, many of which are paid to the discounter within three days.

Given the above figures, it is evident that in the last month there were eighty-eight persons on it, receiving a total average of \$1200 per month. It is not difficult to figure out that it rates of interest varying from 5 to 15 per cent per month are paid by the unfortunate indigents for discounting their warrants a handsome income is being earned at the expense of the county and the indigents alike. For the figures do not tally with the \$1200 paid out of the county funds, of which not a cent finds its way into the homes of the indigent or into the county treasury. It all goes into the coffers of the brokers.

It is possible for this reason that whenever an attempt is made to stop the overflow of money on the indigent list the result is the same, year after year. Either the old recipients get back again on the list or enough new names are put on to secure a profitable brokerage in county indigent warrants by outside parties.

The earnest efforts of the supervisors during the past two days have resulted in striking half a dozen names off the list, but thirteen were put on and there are nearly two weeks of the session yet to come. The spectacle afforded by the supervisor's chamber at the time of the coming to a boil of the interdepartmental competition exists, to whom shall succeed best in setting on the county indigent list. Children are largely relied on to work upon the sympathy of the board. The mother is always in evidence, with a quiver full of them. Many children are supposed to mean so much money, of which the little ones do not always receive the benefit. Explaining again that persons whom the children are made responsible by the auditor are not always really regardful of the children for whom the money is intended.

It has been suggested as a means of burglarizing the residence of Dr. Gilchrist at Selma, was brought to jail in this city last evening.

The W. C. T. U. will meet today at Mrs. Newton's 2215 Stanislaus street, 2:15 p.m. All information requested, Emma Bissell, secretary.

There will be no prayer meeting at the Odd Fellows church this week. The choir will meet Wednesday evening at the residence of W. D. Howen.

For \$2.75 you can get both the *Weekly Pacifican* and the *Interior* (Fresno's illustrated monthly) for one year. Send orders to Republican office.

The grounds where the Adventists held their camp meeting are now deserted. The last tent and the last cabin on wheels have been removed.

Clarina White, a vag who stopped Deputy Constable Henry on the street and asked for money, was sent to jail for thirty days by Justice Austin yesterday.

The last paper in naturalization was yesterday issued to Burton Mattox, a native of France; Peter Freymann, Belgium; John D. Miller, Scotland; George Dietrich, Germany, and John R. Bayley, native of England.

Guitar for \$1.

Fine tone and guaranteed not to crack in this climate, at C. H. Riege's.

Rev. S. M. Martin Coming.

Next Sunday morning and evening the Rev. S. M. Martin, who recently held such a successful revival for the Christian Church, will preach for them at the Adventist church. He will lecture at the same place on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 on "Protestants and Catholics." On Monday evening he will give a special entertainment at Armer Hall, the proceeds to go to purchase a bicycle for the pastor, Rev. W. H. Martin. Tickets to this entertainment may be had at Monroe's drug store.

Members of Vineland Lodge No. 67, K. of P. of R. & S. C. CITED TO APPEAR.

Rev. H. G. DeWitt in Contempt of Court.

In Judge Riley's court yesterday an order of citation was issued for Rev. H. G. DeWitt, ordering him to appear in court May 11th and show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court in resisting an officer.

The trouble arose in the suit of Sarah F. Foulkes against Rev. DeWitt for the possession of certain property in Fresno. The court ordered the property delivered to Mrs. Foulkes, but when Deputy Sheriff Jimmie Davis, of Fresno, to deliver the property Rev. DeWitt had possession and refused to give it up.

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